

# TEXAS NEWS

## FORT WORTH.

A pink bridge luncheon was the charming entertainment given Saturday by Mrs. Joe Mayer at the Metropolitan hotel, where a large number of elegantly gowned women were in attendance. An eight-course luncheon was served at one long table resplendent with beautiful decoration. In

to cause any woman suffering. Even while I was making this deduction, I knew within myself, that it was not true, that the hold she had on me was of an entirely different character. I went out to lunch, attended to the usual business routine, but was ever unable to get her out of my thoughts. All through the afternoon and far into the night, the appeal in her beautiful brown eyes was ever before me. I awaited her return the next day with the utmost impatience. I had received an answer from her brother, as I had expected. It lay before me, as she knocked timidly on my office door. When she entered and I had greeted her in my most cordial manner, I motioned her to the easy chair beside me. I passed her the letter almost immediately. After she had read it, I said cheerfully, "Now, Mrs. Winthrop, don't you see how hopelessly he writes. This is Thursday, and he says he will be in on the Saturday afternoon train. That is fortunate. The week-end is rather dull down here. By the time Simon arrives everybody will be gone, so that we will have the field all to ourselves. We can then talk everything over with him at our leisure, and if all goes well, he may return Monday morning, as if nothing had occurred."

This encouragement seemed to cheer her considerably, and I was relieved to see the cloud lift as I talked on merrily. I am sure that from our easy appearance, no one would have guessed the importance of our contact—which involved the adjustment of a theft.

All at once, as if struck by a sudden thought, she looked up and said in timid solicitude, "Mr. Clemens, please don't let me detain you from your lunch. You must get quite hungry sitting here worrying over my troubles. If you have anything further to say to me on this subject, I will wait here till you return."

Man of the world that I am, and surfeited to the full with the affections and insincerity of society women, I was inexpressibly touched by this naivete. I fully appreciated the weight of obligation and fear that still rested on her frightened imagination. I therefore felt that this considerate suggestion was prompted out of sheer goodness of heart, for she spoke but little, no matter how adroitly I tried to draw her out.

So I replied, as gently as possible, "No, indeed, you are not detaining me at all, Mrs. Winthrop. This is the hour when I am supposed to keep 'shop' all by myself. I continued, smiling at her. "Even were this not so, I feel I could not eat with a good grace did I know that you were here alone awaiting my return. I see some of the men are back from lunch already. I am now free to go." I had risen and was bending over her. "I would feel highly honored were you to accompany me and be my guest at dinner. The hotel, you know, is not far distant."

I said this as persuasively as possible. What prompted me to invite her to come with me, I can't tell, when I was fully aware of the great difference in our positions and the publicity of my proposition, were she to accept. I knew all the commission men around had seen her when she was bookkeeper down here. But I threw discretion to the winds and really pressed her to come with me.

But she answered in confusion, "Oh, thank you ever and ever so much, Mr. Clemens, but really I cannot accept your kind invitation. I have left my babies with mamma, and if you are really through with me, I must hurry home to them." Her face was suffused with blushes, and she made a wonderfully soul-satisfying picture as she now stood before me. My face must have shown her how keenly I was disappointed, for she hastened to say: "Oh, Mr. Clemens, please don't take my refusal amiss. I am very sensible of the honor. But really there are many reasons which make it impossible for me to come to dinner with you." Maybe she feared her husband. How could I tell?

"Well, then, some other time, maybe. At present I will not detain you longer. I had forgotten the babies. They come first, of course. Yes, we are through for today. As Simon will be in on the 4:30 train, it may be best for you to come a little before he does."

I said this without remembering that a full day still intervened, as this was only Thursday.

I bade her good-by, and she left hurriedly.

The next day at noon I realized for the first time the mistake I had made, and how I missed her. The vacant chair before me seemed to yawn in sympathy for her form. I had forgotten the next day was Friday and I was not to see her till Saturday afternoon. Almost unconsciously I opened the telephone book and looked her up. Yes, there was the name with her address and number. I did not doubt but that she was home, looking after those babies who seemed to occupy so much of her attention.

I drew the phone to me and loved with it, mentally resolving on what pretext I could call her up. I might inquire after the state of her mother's health, also about herself and the children. At first these seemed sufficient and sensible excuses, but after a few moments thought, I felt they would not do. The business had assumed no personal aspect, and it was not just the proper course for me to commiserate with her at her home. So I pushed the telephone from me and sat thinking of her.

## CHAPTER VI.

Saturday afternoon came and brought her to the office a little before her brother was expected. We decided that she was to conceal herself while I was receiving her brother's report. I could see the front door from my office. When I saw Simon approaching, I had

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the center was placed a high basket of pond lilies intermingled with fern, and in the center of each blossom were tiny bulbs of red and white electric lights. This was surrounded at the base with pink satin ribbon. At either end of the table were pink shaded candelabras. American Beauty roses were the flowers used. Along the entire length of the table were little red, white and blue lights peeping through smilax vines. Music was sweetly rendered during the luncheon. The favors were billikens and the place cards were in the shape of birds and animals, which were perched upon the goblets. Covers were laid for the following: Mesdames Alfonso August, Harvey Lederman, Ralph Smith, Roy Toombs, Nettie Stiefel, Dave Brown, Dan Brown, James Brown, Jake Heninger, L. Levy of Wichita, Kans., Joe Gans of Beaumont, L. Gordon, Joe Goldgraber, W. R. Bell, Frank Crittenden, Sam Levy, Theodore Mack, Sam Rosen, M. Rosenthal, Louis Block, Sam Miller, Conrad Hoefler, M. Bergman, Martin Staube, Sam Davidson, Mitchell Greenwall, R. Vickery, E. Gamble, M. Kahn and Rosenblatt of Dallas, Misses Minne Goldsmith of Dallas, Marvel Gamble, Ada Dunlap, Evelyn Freedman of Waco, Bess and Eva Long of Waco, Mrs. Sachs of Cinn., Mesdames Henry Gernsbacher, George Fox, O. T. Simon, L. P. Philipowsky, A. Cohen, R. C. Brauer, H. Brann, Chas. Heinz, L. Wettman, L. Schultz, W. C. Fly, J. Chanowsky, J. Friedlander, Alex. Friend.

After the luncheon in the card rooms, which were tastily decorated in ferns and pot plants, bridge was played. The prizes were unusually handsome. Mrs. George Fox won the first prize, which was a hand-painted chocolate set. The second prize, another beautiful chocolate set, was won by Mrs. O. T. Simon. Mrs. Joe Gans of Beaumont was awarded the guest prize, a lovely silver fern dish and a shallow box frame was given Mrs. Mitchell Greenwall, as consolation prize.

## WACO.

After the mass meeting, where Mr. S. Frankel, the well known Zionist orator, will be the principal speaker, election of delegates to the coming convention which will take place in Houston on Jan. 1, 2 and 3 will be held. Officers for the local society will also be elected. The meeting will take place at the Maccabee hall, Seventh and Austin, at 7:15 p. m. \* \* \* Charles L. Sanger has gone to New York and will remain there for a while. \* \* \* Mrs. Sam Katzenstein and Misses Gladys and Nadine Katzenstein of New York are visiting Mrs. Hyman Lyons for the Lieber-Loewenstein wedding. \* \* \* Misses Bessie and Eva Long will return today from a visit to Fort Worth. \* \* \* Mrs. Carrie Loewenstein will have her eight daughters around her at the Lieber-Loewenstein wedding on Wednesday evening. These are: Mrs. Nettie Stiefel of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Sam Katzenstein of New York City, Mrs. Louis Abramson and Mrs. J. M. Kaufman of Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Eli Wiener of Keltys, Texas; Mrs. Hyman Lyons of Waco, and Misses Birdie Rose and Clara I. Loewenstein. Besides the above mentioned, there will be the following out-of-town guests: Dr. Louis Abramson, and sons, Louis I and Paul D., of Shreveport, La.; little Misses Dorothy Kaufman of Shreveport and Isabel Wiener of Keltys; Mr. Eli Wiener and son, Samson, of Keltys; Mr. Ernest Meyers of Albuquerque, N. M.; Misses Lillian Lewis of Fort Worth, Gladys and Nadine Katzenstein of New York City, the groom, Mr. Philip Lieber, will be accompanied by Messrs. Albert Dreyfus and A. B. Freyer of Shreveport, La.

## TYLER.

Mrs. D. Leventhal returned home after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edward Pandres of Dallas. \* \* \* Mr. Lewis Gardner of Dallas spent several days in the city this week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Meyer. \* \* \* Mr. H. Wolf of Alexander, La., who is attending college here, spent several days in Lufkin the past week. \* \* \* Mr. Hyman Jacobs is spending several days in the city this week as the guest of his aunt, Mrs. A. Sandolowski.

\* \* \* Mrs. L. Goldsmith and Mrs. B. Williams of Henderson, are expected in the city next week to visit their father, Mr. B. Sandolowski. \* \* \* The Council of the Jewish Women entertained with a reception at the home of Mrs. D. Leventhal, the house was decorated with autumn foliage and chrysanthemums. The program as announced was carried out in full in addition to a vocal solo by Mrs. Sara A. Efron, with violin obligato by Mrs. Mike Meyer. Several course luncheon was served. \* \* \* On Tuesday Mrs. Mike Meyer entertained the sewing Circle; Mrs. A. Sandolowski and Mrs. J. Jacobs were luncheon guests. \* \* \* Tuesday evening a most formal dance was given in the spacious dance hall of the Harmony Club. Already the holiday decorations of the ball room presented a cheery welcome to the participants of the dance. Promptly at 9 o'clock the grand march was led by Mr. Leon Leventhal and Miss Costa of Corsicana. Dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Belle Costa of Corsicana, Miss Ida and Mamie Simon, Idella and Ray Sandolowski, Sadie Friedlander Gertrude Meyer, Sadie Friedlander, Blanche Gardner, Pearl Goldstucker, Bertha Hertzfeld, Celia Goldenterneck, Messrs. Leno Leventhal, Henry Goldstucker, Leo Sandolowski, Jake Wolf, Nathan Ginsburg, Silas and Simon Friedlander, Allen and Ben Meyer, Leo Beare, Harold Leventhal, Abe Gardner, Mr. Wolf, of Alexander, La., Herman Goldstucker, Louis Marmar, Hyman Jacobs. \* \* \*

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